

New or Important Foreign Correspondents Recently
Heard From or Gotten Trace Of.

Australia, Sydney. J. H. Maiden, Government Botanist,
Botanic Gardens. July 24 sent seeds of *Eucalyptus*
macrotheca.

Belgium, St. Symphorien. Jean Houzeau de Lehaie. Sent
seeds of *Dendrocalamus strictus*, a valuable bamboo
which we will propagate and distribute. August 21.

China, Foochow. Samuel L. Gracey, Consul. Sent loquat
seeds. Promises to send leichee seed and make full
report re their cultivation. July 23.

India, Calcutta. Wm. H. Michael, U. S. Consul-General.
Sends Befri seed. "Befri is an annual legume, *Indigo-*
fera glandulosa. Grows in black soil, does not re-
quire much water. Contains 21.13 per cent of albumi-
noids - in other words is considered by Michaels 56
per cent more nutrititious than wheat and 32 per cent
more than oatmeal." It is ground, mixed with less nu-
tritious grains or grass seeds, and made into bread,
"bhedi", etc. Aug. 3.

Japan, Nagasaki. Wm. D. Hills. Sends sample of cloth
made of banana fibre. Encloses letter from Wm. Raitt,
Bangalore, South India, discussing value of bamboos
for paper pulp.

Ohio, Toledo. A. de Clairmont, Peruvian Consul. Seeds
of *Chenopodium quinoa*, the quinoa of the Peruvian
peasants. Wants to introduce into the the U.S. as a com-
mercial food venture large shipments of seed. Sept. 2

Phillipine Islands, Manila. Wm. S. Lyon, Gardens of
Naglajan. Seed of an edible species of banana from
Ambos, Camarines. "Fruit large, well-flavored; fari-
naceous seeds, tender and eaten when fruit is ripe."
July 28.

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album.) "Good for desert nut, rivalling Brazil nut.
Very hard shell." Can procure seeds of improved *Maca-*
damia ternifolia.